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SUBJECT: FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTION COMPLIANCE REPORT

REF: KEOGH-WACHOB MEMORANDUM NOVEMBER 22, 1976

HEREWITH REPORT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOREIGN SERVICE
INSPECTORS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMBASSY MBABANE.
RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO RECOMMENDATIONS IN EACH
MEMORANDUM.

A. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL -- INSPECTOR'S MEMORANDUM NO. 4.4

1. DESPITE REPEATED GOS REQUESTS, EMBASSY/COMMERCE/OPIC
HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN ATTRACTING INCREASED AMERICAN
TRADE AND INVESTMENT TO SWAZILAND. FOR THAT REASON, US
PAVILION AT ANNUAL TRADE FAIR IS IMPORTANT TANGIBLE SIGN
OF US INTEREST IN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH SWAZILAND.
1976 WAS FIRST YEAR EMBASSY HAD OCCUPIED ITS OWN SEPARATE
PAVILION. EFFORT WAS WELL RECEIVED BY GOS (76 MBABANE A-40)
AND EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SIMILAR LEVEL FOR FUTURE US
PARTICIPATION, SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS. FIRST,
1976 PAVILION WAS ENORMOUS BURDEN ON EMBASSY'S SMALL STAFF.
USIS JOHANNESBURG, WHICH GENEROUSLY MADE SEVERAL EMPLOYEES
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AVAILABLE, HAS STATED THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE CANNOT BE
TAKEN FOR GRANTED IN FUTURE. MBABANE WOULD NEED
ADVANCE ASSURANCE THAT TRAINED MANPOWER WOULD BE
AVAILABLE BEFORE IT ORDERED DISPLAY MATERIALS,
CONTACTED EXHIBITORS, ETC., ALL REQUIRING LONG
LEAD-TIME. SECOND PROBLEM CONCERNS FUNDING. 76 STATE A-4600
INDICATED THAT COMMERCE'S BUDGET FOR FY 77

CONTAINS NO FUNDS FOR COMMERCIAL PRESENCE FAIRS
"WITH ONE OR TWO EXCEPTIONS"; POST HAS BEEN
UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING CLARIFICATION OF THIS
STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SWAZILAND. IF USDOC
FUNDING UNAVAILABLE IN FUTURE, POST'S USIS
ALLOCATION SHOULD BE INCREASED FOR THIS PURPOSE;
INCREASE WOULD ENABLE POST TO FUND FAIR EXHIBIT WITHOUT
REDUCING ITS BASIC USIS SERVICES.

B. CONSULAR AFFAIRS -- INSPECTOR'S MEMORANDUM NO. 5.4

1. CONSULAR FEES ARE NOW RPT NOW BEING DELIVERED TO
POST'S CLASS B CASHIER EACH TUESDAY FOR POUCHING NEXT
DAY TO RBFO/PRETORIA. CONSULAR REGISTER HAS BEEN
ESTABLISHED FOR BLANK FORMS FS-543, CONSULAR CASH
RECEIPT AND RECORD OF FEES; NO REGISTER HAS BEEN
ESTABLISHED FOR BLANK FORMS FS-511, IMMIGRATION VISA
AND ALIEN REGISTRATION, WHICH NOT RPT NOT USED AT POST.

2. ITEMS OF CONSULAR SEALING EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN
RECORDED ON POST'S MASTER RECORD CARDS.

C. ADMINISTRATION -- INSPECTOR'S MEMORANDUM NO. 7.4

1. EMBASSY AND AID/OSARAC HAVE SIGNED FORMAL AND
DETAILED AGREEMENT DELINEATING RESPONSIBILITIES OF
BOTH PARTIES FOR COMMON ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.

2. EMBASSY HAS SOLICITED INPUTS FOR REVISION OF POST
REPORT FROM EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS IN ALL USG ELEMENTS.
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END OF JANUARY 1977 HAS BEEN SET AS TARGET FOR
COMPLETION OF REVISION.

3. EMBASSY NOW ENSURES THAT VERIFICATION OF
ACCOUNTABLE CASH INCLUDES TAPING OF FORMS FS-465,
ACCOUNTABILITY RECORD, AND THAT VERIFICATION IS
MADE AGAINST CURRENT BALANCE APPEARING THEREON.

4. EMBASSY HAS ESTABLISHED SCHEDULE FOR MONTHLY
TESTS OF RESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

5. EMBASSY NOW PARTICIPATES IN REGULARLY SCHEDULED
TESTS OF HF AND VHF EQUIPMENT CONDUCTED BY CRO/PRETORIA.
EMBASSY HAS DEVISED COMMUNICATIONS LOG FOR THIS PURPOSE.
TEST RESULTS BEING SENT TO CRO/PRETORIA, RCO/NAIROBI,
DEPT/A/OC, AND DEPT/A/OC/AF, TOGETHER WITH MONTHLY
REPORT ON TESTS OF RESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT (RECOMMENDATION 4 ABOVE).

6. EMBASSY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN INVENTORY OPERATIONS BEFORE JUNE 1977 AND WILL ENSURE THAT INVENTORIES OF ITS NON-EXPENDABLE PROPERTY ARE RECONCILED AND CERTIFIED BY JUNE 30 EACH YEAR.

7. WITH AMBASSADOR'S APPROVAL, POST IS DRAWING UP AND FINANCING FROM OWN FUNDS, NON-PERSONAL-SERVICES CONTRACT FOR HOUSEKEEPER TO OVERSEE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN MBABANE.

8. PRIOR TO REPLACEMENT DUE DATES, EMBASSY WILL AGAIN ADVISE DEPARTMENT (OPR/ST) OF NEED FOR RIGHT-HAND DRIVE VEHICLES. RECENTLY-ORDERED COM VEHICLE BEING PROVIDED WITH RIGHT-HAND DRIVE AS RESULT OF EMBASSY'S REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT.

9. DEPARTMENT'S INVENTORY OF EMBASSY VEHICLES ALREADY REFLECTS TRANSFER TO MBABANE OF 1973 COM SEDAN FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GABORONE. VEHICLE WILL BE DISPOSED OF FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF COM SEDAN MENTIONED IN RECOMMENDATION 8 ABOVE.

10. AFTER EMBASSY'S MONTHS-LONG ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE OF CLEAR TITLE OF USG OWNERSHIP OF CHARGE'S RESIDENCE, GOS INDICATED IN LATE DECEMBER IT WAS ON VERGE OF COMPLYING WITH REQUEST. EXPECT FINAL ACTION WITHIN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AND WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT (FBO AND AF) ACCORDINGLY.

11. EMBASSY'S REPORT OF COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IN DECEMBER 19, 1975 COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY SURVEY IS CONTAINED IN 76 MBANE A-61 TO DEPARTMENT (A/SY) AND PRETORIA (RSO)

12. EMBASSY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNDERTAKING SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF ITS OWN FSL EMPLOYEES. POST SECURITY OFFICER HAS SENT REQUIRED LETTERS TO POLICE AND OTHER LOCAL CONTACTS FOR ALL FSL EMPLOYEES NOT YET CLEARED. RESPONSES HAVE BEEN SLOW IN ARRIVING, AND POST CONTINUES TO FOLLOW UP ON OUTSTANDING CASES. POST TRANSMITS COMPLETED DOCUMENTATION TO PRETORIA FOR EACH CASE, SO RSO CAN ISSUE PERMANENT CLEARANCE. WACHOB

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